

As to Home Mixing of Fertilizers.

Editors Progressive Farmer

Although it is rather late, I wish to call the attention of your readers to the question of mixing their fertilizers. I have always heretofore mixed my own fertilizers, but when I had gotten prices recently, I found that I could buy the complete manure, a little cheaper than I could the different ingredients. Heretofore I have been able to save about three dollars per ton by mixing at home. I am unable to suggest why this difference this year, except that meal is very high. Would be glad to know if other farmers have had similar experience.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN McDOWELL.

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Notes from Cumberland.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

Cumberland County Farmers' Alliance will hold its next regular meeting with Wade Sub at McMillan's Chapel on Wednesday before the second Thursday in April, 1904.

The time has arrived for the farmers to begin to haul fertilizers to their farms and get ready to plant cotton and other crops. They had better decrease cotton acreage one-fourth and increase fertilizer at least one-third more than last year, because labor is scarce this year and cotton hands will be hard to get at any price. Saw-mill men are getting ready to begin work at their mills, and a good many hands will work where they can get the most wages for their labor.

As the year 1904 has started out with a boom, it would be well for the Farmers' Alliance to make a decided effort to thoroughly reorganize the grand Old North State once more. We should constantly think of our Order and talk it up everywhere we go until every farmer in North Carolina shall know its worth.

D. D. BAIN,

Secretary C. C. F. A.

Alliance Speaking in Alamance.

Bro. H. M. Cates, Lecturer North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, will address the public at the following times and places:

Central Schoolhouse, Faucett Township, Thursday, March 17, 6.30 p. m.

Oakwood Schoolhouse, Morton Township, Friday, March 18th, 3 p. m.

Union Ridge, Saturday, March 19th, 2 p. m.

J. Mc. GARRISON.

FIGURES SHOW THE INTEREST.**Record of Attendance at Each of the Farmers' Institutes.**

Dr. Tait Butler, the State Veterinarian, who was on the recent farmers' institute tour, kept a record of the attendance at each meeting, and this record is printed below. At Murfreesboro it rained all day. The worst weather of the season was experienced at Currituck and Camden, and at Elizabeth City the forenoon

was very unfavorable. Here is the list of towns with the attendance at each:

Warrenton	203
Jackson	271
Murfreesboro	134
Windsor	171
Gatesville	191
Currituck	60
Camden	60
Elizabeth City	114
Hertford	209
Edenton	74
Roper	174
Washington	282
Greenville	225
Tarboro	135

This makes an average of 165 for all, and 193 for fair days, and 92 for the rainy days.

Two years ago, when Dr. Tait Butler first went out on these institutes, he says the average did not exceed 70, and the next year, 1902, it did not exceed 75, but last year and this the average has been 165.—News and Observer.

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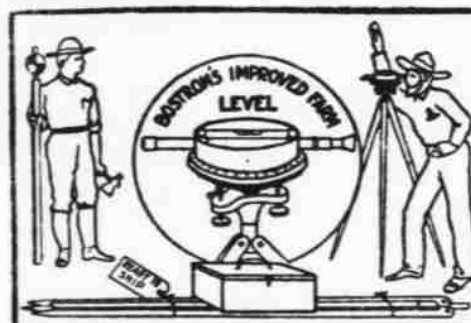
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